



UNCLE
SHELBY'S
SCOUT
HANDBOOK

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★1 Good Deeds



REMEMBER—★
"A GOOD DEED
A DAY
KEEPS THE
JUVENILE
OFFICER AWAY"

HERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE GOOD DEEDS.

- ① HELP A RICH OLD LADY CROSS THE STREET.
- ② HELP SOMEONE FIND HIS CONTACT LENS.
- ③ BEAT UP A MASOCHIST.
- ④ TELL YOUR MOTHER SHE WAS RIGHT!
- ⑤ SQUASH A RED ANT...OR A BLACK ANT...I FORGET WHICH.
- ⑥ WHISTLE AT AN UGLY WOMAN.
- ⑦ HELP TWO BIG NICE GUYS DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST A SMALL BULLY.
- ⑧ FIND A BAG CONTAINING \$50,000 AND DONATE IT TO CHARITY!
- ⑨ FIND A BAG CONTAINING \$50,000 AND DONATE MOST OF IT TO CHARITY!
- ⑩ CATCH PNEUMONIA AND GO INTO A COMA SO THAT A FOOTBALL TEAM CAN WIN ONE FOR YOU.
- ⑪ FORGIVE A MAN WHO HAS JUST KILLED YOUR FATHER IN A RIGGED DUEL.
- ⑫ STEP ON THE GLASSES OF A NEARSIGHTED JUDGE WHO IS JUST ABOUT TO SIGN THE PAPERS CONDEMNING AN INNOCENT MAN TO HIS DEATH!

Merit Badges



MERIT BADGES ARE THE
PRIZE POSSESSIONS OF THE
UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT.
EACH MERIT BADGE IS THE
RESULT OF EXTENSIVE RESEARCH,
HOURS OF STUDY AND YEARS OF
HARD WORK.

(OR ELSE SEND 75¢ FOR EACH MERIT
BADGE TO U. SHELBY, 428 HUDSON ST., N.Y.)

Scout Knife



AND HERE WE HAVE OUR
UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT KNIFE!

IT HAS NO SCREWDRIVER OR
NAIL FILE OR CAN OPENER
BUT IT DOES HAVE A BLADE THAT
SHOOTS OUT OF THE HANDLE
WHEN YOU PRESS THE LITTLE BUTTON.
ISN'T THAT KEEN!

Telescope



AN UNCLE SHELBY
SCOUT MUST OBSERVE:

- (A) STARS
- (B) BIRDS
- (C) ANIMALS

BUT NOW IT IS GETTING
TOO DARK TO OBSERVE
STARS, BIRDS AND ANIMALS.
NOW IT IS NIGHTTIME
AND EVERYBODY IS GETTING
UNDRESSED FOR BED.

Uniform



AND HERE IS YOUR ^{OFFICIAL} UNIFORM,
DISGUISED TO LOOK LIKE AN OLD
ARMY BLANKET. UNIFORMS MAY
BE PURCHASED FOR ONLY \$23.95
AT ALL UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT SUPPLY
STORES. THE "U.S." STANDS FOR
UNCLE SHELBY!

First Aid

HOW TO SET A BROKEN LEG

FIG I



FIG II

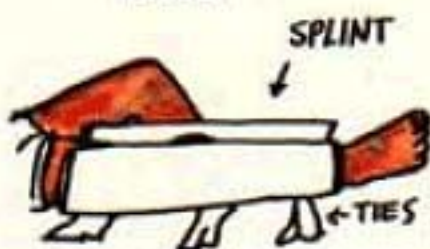


FIG III



(IF PAIN PERSISTS OR IS UNUSUALLY SEVERE, SEE YOUR DOCTOR.)

Knapsack

HERE IS YOUR KNAPSACK.
YOU CAN USE IT AS
A PILLOW WHEN
YOU TAKE YOUR
KNAP.. HA.. HA..
YOUR KNAPSACK
WILL HOLD TWO
COMPLETE UNIFORMS OR NINE
CANS OF FOOD OR FORTY-THREE
COMIC BOOKS...



Hygiene

THIS IS ATHLETE'S
FOOT



YOU GET ATHLETE'S FOOT
FROM NOT WASHING YOUR FEET
OR CHANGING YOUR SOCKS.
IF YOU HAVE ATHLETE'S FOOT
EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT
YOU ARE A GOOD ATHLETE!

(UNCLE SHELBY SCOUTS ARE GOOD ATHLETES!)

Snake Bite



SO, YOU HAVE
ON THE LEG BY
DO NOT CRY- AN
SCOUT IS BRAVE
TO SUCK OUT
THAT BITTER
POISON?

BEEN BITTEN
A RATTLESNAKE!
UNCLE SHELBY
NOW DO YOU WANT
ALL

YOU DONT? OK, PUT A BAND-AID ON
AND GO TO THE MOVIES.

Handshake

THIS IS THE SECRET HANDSHAKE.
IT WILL IDENTIFY YOU TO OTHER
UNCLE SHELBY SCOUTS. THEY
WILL BE
GLAD TO
HELP YOU.



Knots

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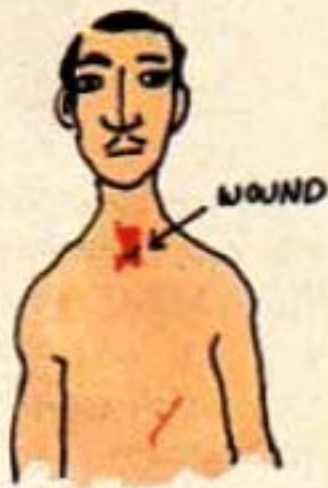
UNCLE SHELBY SCOUTS
LEARN TO TIE KNOTS.
WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH
SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT
WANT TO JOIN THE UNCLE

SHELBY
SCOUTS...?

Tourniquet



LET US AID THE MAN WITH THE WOUNDED ARM.
THE TOURNIQUET IS ALWAYS APPLIED ABOVE
THE WOUND, SO THAT THE BLEEDING WILL STOP.
NOW LET US AID THE MAN WITH THE WOUNDED
COLLAR BONE!



Trapping



SEE THE TRAP. WHEN MR. RABBIT COMES AND NIBBLES ON THE CARROT, THE CAGE WILL FALL ON HIM AND HE WILL BE TRAPPED. BUT WHAT SHALL WE USE TO TRAP THE MAN-EATING LION? LIONS DO NOT LIKE CARROTS. MAYBE THE LITTLE BOY NEXT DOOR CAN HELP YOU.....

Code



AN UNCLE SHELBY
SCOUT CAN SEND
MESSAGES WITH FLAGS!
SEE THE BUILDING ON
FIRE DOWN THE BLOCK?
RUN DOWNSTAIRS WITH
YOUR FLAGS AND SEND
A MESSAGE FOR HELP
AND YOU WILL BE A
HERO!

Forestry



DO YOU SEE THESE LEAVES?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF LEAVES
THEY ARE? YOU DON'T? WELL, THESE
ARE SPECIAL ANTISUNBURN LEAVES.
JUST RUB THEM ON YOUR HANDS AND
FACE AND BACK AND YOU WILL FORGET
ALL ABOUT YOUR SUNBURN.

Bird Life

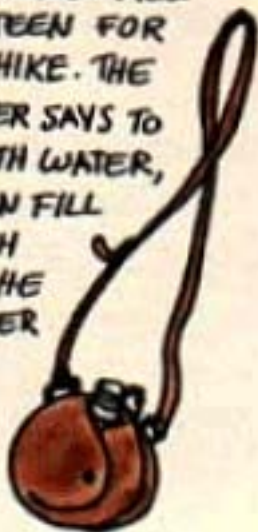


THESE ARE
ROBINS' EGGS.
THE MOTHER ROBIN
WILL KEEP THEM
WARM AND IN A FEW
WEEKS THE LITTLE
ROBINS WILL PEEP
THEIR HEADS OUT.
NOW WE MUST CLIMB
DOWN AND EAT BREAKFAST.
TOO BAD THERE IS NOTHING
TO EAT BUT BACON...



Canteen

NOW WE MUST FILL
OUR CANTEEN FOR
THE BIG HIKE. THE
SCOUTMASTER SAYS TO
FILL IT WITH WATER,
BUT YOU CAN FILL
YOURS WITH
SAND AND HE
WILL NEVER
KNOW.'





Bird Identification

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THAT BIRD?
YOU CAN'T? THAT IS BECAUSE
HE IS UP TOO HIGH. I'LL BET
IF HE WERE LYING ON THE
GROUND RIGHT HERE, YOU
COULD IDENTIFY HIM.

(AN UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT ALWAYS FINDS A WAY!)

Finding Water



DO YOU SEE THE SIGN?

THE SIGN MEANS THAT THIS WATER
IS CLEAN AND PURE AND REFRESHING;
TAKE A NICE BIG DRINK-ISN'T THAT GOOD.
NOW FILL UP YOUR CANTEEN
FOR LATER!

Canoeing



AN UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT IS AN EXPERT

CANOE MAN.
CANOEIST
CANOER.

HE CAN MAKE A CANOE BY HOLLOWING OUT A BIRCH TREE.

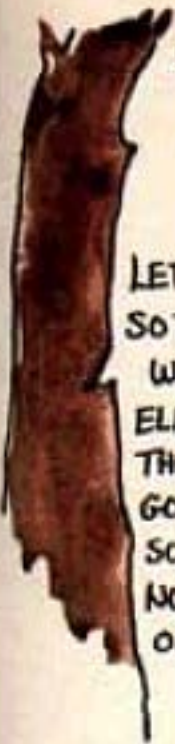
IF THERE ARE NO BIRCH TREES HE CAN MAKE A CANOE BY
HOLLOWING OUT THE PIANO IN THE LIVING ROOM.

LET US PADDLE OUR OWN CANOE. NOW LET US STAND UP AND
SEE IF WE CAN SEE THE SHORE.

Hiking



A GOOD SCOUT STAYS
FIT BY HIKING - HIKE
DOWN TO THE STORE AND
GET YOUR UNCLE SHELBY A
SIX-PACK AND A POUND OF SALAMI.



Trail Marking

LET US MARK THE TRAIL,
SO THAT WE CAN FIND OUR WAY BACK
WE WILL TURN LEFT AT THE OLD
ELM TREE, SO LET US CUT A NOTCH IN
THE OLD ELM TREE. NOW WE WILL
GO NORTHEAST AT THE OAK STUMP,
SO WE WILL CUT A NOTCH IN THE STUMP.
NOW WE WILL TURN RIGHT AT THAT LITTLE
OLD MAN, SO...

Storms

SEE THE ELECTRICAL STORM?
STORMS MEAN THAT THE RAIN
GODS ARE ANGRY. WHAT IS THE
FIRST THING TO DO IN A STORM?
RUN TO UNCLE SHELBY'S HOUSE
AND CLOSE ALL THE WINDOWS.
THAT IS A GOOD SCOUT!
NOW RUN AND TAKE SHELTER
UNDER THE FRIENDLY OAK TREE.

Swimming

AN UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT
IS AN EXPERT SWIMMER.

HE CAN DO THE CRAWL, THE BACKSTROKE,
THE BREASTSTROKE AND THE SIDESTROKE.
NEVER MIND THE UNDERTOW- LET US JUMP
INTO THE WATER AND SWIM, SWIM, SWIM!

BUT FIRST LET US EAT A.. NICE..BIG..LUNCH!



Fire

TWO
STICKS >



NOW YOU CAN WIN
YOUR MERIT BADGE

BY MAKING A FIRE WITH

TWO STICKS BUT DO NOT CHEAT-
DO NOT USE A CIGARETTE LIGHTER,

THAT IS NOT WHAT A CIGARETTE LIGHTER IS FOR!

Cooking



AND NOW UNCLE SHELBY
WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO
COOK ON AN OPEN CAMP-
FIRE. FIRST, YOU CLEAR
A PLACE ON THE LIVING-
ROOM FLOOR. NOW...

Artificial Respiration



THIS GIRL HAS JUST BEEN PULLED FROM THE RAGING RIVER. SHE HAS SWALLOWED MUCH WATER. SHE NEEDS ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION IMMEDIATELY - YOU MUST APPLY PRESSURE TO THE SMALL OF HER BACK - TOO BAD YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED TO HER. AN UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT NEVER TOUCHES THE BACK OF A WOMAN HE HAS NEVER BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED TO. SO YOU MUST SUMMON THE ONLY MAN WHO IS QUALIFIED TO FACE THIS EMERGENCY - YOU MUST CALL UNCLE SHELBY HIMSELF!!

Life

Saving

SEE THE DROWNING MAN?

UNCLE SHELBY SCOUTS TO THE RESCUE!

BUT FIRST-WE MUST TAKE OFF OUR SHIRT AND FOLD IT PROPERLY--
AN UNCLE SHELBY SCOUT IS ALWAYS NEAT. NOW WE MUST TAKE OFF OUR
TROUSERS AND HANG THEM FROM OUR UNCLE SHELBY OUTDOOR PANTS HANGER
TO MAKE THE OUTDOOR PANTS HANGER, MERELY CUT TWO (2) FOUR FOOT ELM
BRANCHES AND STRIP OFF THE BARK. PLACE THESE IN THE GROUND
THREE (3) FEET APART - NOW HURRY - PLACE A THREE (3) FOOT PINE BRANCH
ACROSS THE TWO ELM BRANCHES AND FASTEN THEM TOGETHER WITH VINES -NOW--